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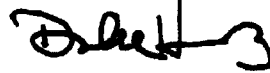
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, DENNIS HASTERT  
MAJORITY LEADER, DICK ARMEY  
MAJORITY WHIP, TOM DELAY

FROM: UNDERSIGNED ORGANIZATIONS

SUBJECT: "PROJECT MEGIDDO" REPORT

DATE: OCTOBER 11, 1999

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The organizations listed below join to encourage the House Leadership to undertake an investigation, including public hearings, of the threat to the privacy and Constitutional liberties of Americans posed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's latest report entitled "Project Megiddo." This report assesses the potential threat of domestic terrorism in the United States in anticipation of the new millennium.

We realize that the FBI's concern regarding terrorism may be legitimate based on certain historical evidence of such activity being committed by individuals and groups at the turn of the First Millennium. These people believed that the world would end and, as a result, attempted to bring that about through violent means of their own accord.

We are also aware of groups and individuals in the United States, on both the political Right and Left, who have, in the past, engaged in violent and terrorist activity in the US. We also understand that there is concern within the public at large about potential terrorist activity and it is law enforcement's responsibility to respond to the public's concern to ensure the safety of the population. For those reasons we are hesitant to dismiss the FBI's concerns about this potential problem.

However, while the FBI's concern may be a legitimate one, for several reasons, the public version of the "Project Megiddo" report available on the Bureau's website is of legitimate concern to our respective organizations.

The FBI describes the report as an effort "to analyze the potential for extremist criminal activity in the United States by individuals or domestic extremist groups who profess an apocalyptic view of the millennium or attach special significance to the year 2000." As is typical with the Clinton Administration, understanding and clarifying the definitions they use is critical to understanding their intentions.

1. The report defines an 'extremist' as one who believes in the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ. It cites specifically Christian Identity churches and apocalyptic cults as fitting that description. But it also implies that anyone who believes in the end of the world and the Second Coming of Christ also fits that description, though they may not subscribe to the beliefs of the specific cults mentioned in the report. The logical conclusion to be drawn from reading such a report is that religious people, specifically Christians of all denominations, are 'extremists' and should be watched.

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2. A point made repeatedly in the report is the idea that those who are stockpiling food and weapons in anticipation of Y2K are also likely suspects for acts of violence. This claim is beyond the ridiculous. With all the conflicting reports regarding the issue of Y2K, it is rather difficult to have a fact-based discussion or argument on the subject. Most articles and reports regarding that issue are speculative and quote people who are taking precautions because they want to protect their families and loved ones from any danger that might result from Y2K, not because they intend to cause civil unrest or acts of terrorism against society and see Y2K as an extraordinary opportunity to do so.

3. According to the FBI, those who believe that the United Nations has exercised too much influence over the policies of the United States, particularly with regard to the Second Amendment, are also extremists. The report cites statements made by [redacted] of Gun Owners of America, with regard to the UN's agenda on gun control and the effect it is having on US policies toward the Second Amendment. The paragraph concludes "Speculation like this [redacted] statements only serves to fuel the already existing paranoia of militia and patriot groups." The logical conclusion is that [redacted] and others who express concern for our nation's sovereignty, Constitutional liberties and who report the truth based on evidence, are dangerous because they assist the other groups. While [redacted] is a well-respected conservative activist on Second Amendment issues as well as other Constitutional rights issues, he is not the only individual who believes that the United Nations has a strong influence on US policies. Many of us on the Right share those beliefs based on the evidence that has been presented thus far.

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4. We believe that similar arguments can be made for the New World Order. While the FBI's report considers it a "conspiracy theory", the term itself was resurrected after many years of disuse by former President George Bush and referred to on many occasions by the current Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott. Curiously, neither of these men is mentioned in the report itself, most obviously because they spoke positively about the New World Order. The Right, nevertheless, is mentioned because we criticize the New World Order and support efforts to preserve national sovereignty. Interestingly, given the fact that only the Right is subject to criticism in this report, coupled with the inconsistent writing style, hearings might well determine that it was partially authored by someone outside the FBI, perhaps the Southern Poverty Law Center, an organization cited several times in footnotes throughout the report and some of whose writings echo the assertions made in the FBI report.

5. Jim Dempsey, co-author of the book *Terrorism and the Constitution: Sacrificing Civil Liberties in the Name of National Security* contends that the current mentality within the FBI is to equate those who criticize with those who terrorize. That assertion is consistent with the beliefs expressed in this report. Because those of us on the Right are not sympathetic to the views of the Administration on the United Nations, and perhaps even religion, our First Amendment rights to express those views are being squelched by the primary federal law enforcement agency whose job it is to protect and preserve the basic rights guaranteed to all Americans under the US Constitution, not to consider "threats" those who disagree with the Administration's positions on issues. This is simply not the behavior of law enforcement in a free society.

6. It is interesting to note that only the "right wing" is referred to and targeted in this report. There is no reference whatsoever to the political Left, despite the fact that the Left has been guilty of violent acts in the US in the past (e.g. the Unabomber). Terms such as "right wing," "right wing movement," "right wing groups," "radical right," and "right wing extremists" are used throughout the report to describe those who should be the targets of law enforcement. One walks away with the impression that members of the Religious Right in America are lunatics who are a danger to society.

7. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that the Administration as well as the FBI would consider the Right, particularly the Religious Right, a threat. In an age where relativism reigns, anyone who takes a stance on religious or moral principle is labeled "judgmental," "moralistic," or perhaps even "hateful." As the Majority Leader has pointed out on the House Floor, the US Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention funds a middle-school curriculum, "Healing the Hate," which "suggests that among the warning signs for school counselors that a child may be dangerous is if he or she grows up in 'very religious' home." It does not take an active imagination to see the same mindset set forth in "Project Megiddo."

8. The concerns outlined in this memo only reflect a reading of the public version of the FBI's report. We understand that the classified version of the same report given to state and local law enforcement officials contains more specific targets on the Right, such as homeschoolers. It would behoove the Leadership to immediately obtain a copy of the classified version of this report in order to more properly pursue the hearings we suggest you hold.

We see five fundamental questions that merit Congressional inquiry:

(1) To what extent is the FBI anticipating or expecting terrorist or other acts of violence to occur at the turn of the millennium?

The first step in answering this question is to determine what rules or evidence govern the FBI's assertions made about the potential for violence claimed in the "Project Megiddo" report.

(2) Given that terrorist acts have been committed by the political Left (e.g. the Unabomber), what criteria do the Bureau use to suggest that the political and Religious Right should be considered a threat to Americans' safety?

Getting answers to this second question is significant because it will determine the mindset that the Bureau is operating under, which we believe is one of paranoia.

(3) Given the definitions and implications made in the public version of the "Project Megiddo" report, what, within the FBI, distinguishes the Religious Right in the US from the "extremists" currently being monitored by the FBI?

(4) Given that the public version of the report excludes all but two of the names of organizations on the Right which are being targeted by the FBI, what other organizations are listed in the "classified" version of the "Project Megiddo" report and for what reason are they considered threats to public safety?

(5) Was the "Project Megiddo" report authored, in whole or in part, by outside Left-wing extremist advocacy groups such as The Southern Poverty Law Center or the Anti-Defamation League?

We are not asking for any inquiry that would challenge the legitimate role of the FBI or other law enforcement agencies collecting intelligence on actual terrorists or foreign threats, so we do not believe that this is an inquiry solely for the Intelligence Committees. Our concerns focus (i) on the definitions under which law enforcement is currently operating and (ii) how they apply to religious conservatives in the United States. We believe that a public inquiry into these legal and policy questions can be conducted without jeopardizing sensitive information about specific targets or techniques.

We are available to meet with Members and staff about this and other related issues. We look

forward to working with individual Members, the chairmen of the relevant Committees, and the leadership in addressing these issues, which are of growing concern to the American public.

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We have also enclosed a copy of the public version of the "Project Megiddo" report for your examination and study.

Sincerely,

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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**OCTOBER 20, 1999**

The FBI today issued the following statement to clarify the "USA Today" story titled "FBI: Militias a threat at millennium:"

For several years, the FBI has had a program of reaching out to militias and their members to explain the FBI's role in investigating violations of law and to stress open lines of communication with militia groups. This was done also to ensure the militias that there was no intent to deny anyone their constitutional rights nor was there a targeting of any militia groups who were otherwise engaged in legitimate, protected activity. The FBI realizes that the majority of militia members engage in and support law abiding activities. However, the FBI will investigate illegal activities coming within the purview of its investigative responsibilities. In fact, the FBI is fully cognizant of the fact that some militias have taken positive steps towards ridding themselves of violent extremist elements. It is these violent extremist elements that could be violating laws which could subject them to investigations by the FBI. Often, these extreme members will splinter from more established groups and engage in violence autonomously. These elements are often very small cells or lone actors. The contact with militia members has proven effective, in that the more mainstream militia groups have been helpful in identifying the more extremist elements of the militia who may resort to acts of violence.

"Project Megiddo" is the culmination of an FBI research initiative which analyzed the potential for extremist criminal activity in the U.S. by individuals or domestic groups who attach special significance to the year 2000. In an effort to educate investigators and officials in the law enforcement community about potential violence associated with or motivated by the arrival of the year 2000, the FBI conducted extensive research into the various ideologies and concepts which serve to motivate groups or individuals with violent agendas. Many extremists place significance on the next millennium, and may present challenges to law enforcement authorities. The significance is based primarily upon apocalyptic religious beliefs or political beliefs concerning the New World Order conspiracy theory. The report is intended to provide a clear, measured, and responsible picture of potential extremism motivated by the next millennium,

and to increase awareness among law enforcement officials of the unique challenges that may be presented by extremists motivated by millennial agendas.

The study is being distributed to appropriate law enforcement personnel from around the country and provides an overview of various extremist ideologies, specifically those which advocate or call for violent action beginning in the year 2000. Such ideologies motivate violent white supremacists who seek to initiate a race war; apocalyptic cults which anticipate a violent Armageddon; radical elements of private citizen militias who fear that the United Nations will initiate an armed takeover of the United States and subsequently establish a One World Government; and other groups or individuals which promote violent millennial agendas. The report also discusses how extremists interpret biblical and/or other religious scriptures to justify their agendas, and how certain extremist elements point to the so-called Y2K computer crisis as an indicator of imminent social chaos and unrest.

In addition to addressing key millennial concepts and the ideological or religious motivations behind millennial extremism, Project Megiddo outlines a number of issues of which law enforcement officers should be cognizant, including indicators of potential violence, possible preparations for violence, and a general discussion of possible targets of millennial extremists. Law enforcement officials are encouraged to further educate themselves on the various issues discussed in the project.

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The press release was from the FBI National Press Office and sets out to explain how the FBI, with out infringing on anyone's rights, has been attempting to develop a data base on all the extremist wacko's, (sorry [redacted] who may have a need or interest in going really crazy as the new millennium approaches. There was also an effort in the release, for the first 20 lines or so, to assure the "mainstream" militias that the FBI does not consider them a threat and will not infringe on their constitutional rights.

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What was not mentioned in the release, and which is probably lost on most, was the significance of the code name "Megiddo".

Megiddo is an ancient city in northern Israel whose existence as a settlement dates as far back as 8000 BC. There is no other archaeological site in the world which is more strongly associated with cosmic disaster than Megiddo. Historians and Theologians have identified Megiddo as the earthly location of ARMAGEDDON, the scene of the final, apocalyptic battle between the forces of Good and Evil at the end of days in the Book of Revelation. Most scholars theorize that the word ARMAGEDDON is a Greek corruption of the Hebrew *Har-Megiddo*, (the mound of Megiddo). Megiddo has a 6,000 year history of continuous settlement and is repeatedly named in the ancient archives of Egypt and Assyria as a place where countless battles between great empires, which have decided the fate of the region, have occurred. Dictionary definitions of Armageddon are vivid and grim: A final and conclusive conflict between the forces of good and evil; A widespread annihilating war; A vast conflict that is marked by great slaughter and widespread destruction.

I am not sure that those who are the object of our investigative affection will ever figure out what the word Megiddo means, nor am I sure that the author of the code name ever intended it to give the connotation which it carries. It's use however could be considered quite provocative to those we are investigating, if fully understood, and could also negate the first twenty line or so attempt in the news release to make nice with militias around the country.

Thought you would be interested.

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DR. IVAN GREENBERG

February 9, 2009

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Dear Mr. Greenberg:

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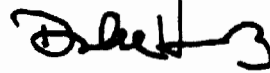
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Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
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Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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The FBI today released the "Project Megiddo" report on its Website located at <http://www.fbi.gov>.

"Project Megiddo" is an FBI strategic assessment of the potential for domestic terrorism in the United States undertaken in anticipation of or response to the arrival of the new millennium.

A press briefing to discuss "Project Megiddo" will be held at a later date.

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